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The German '166 patent, Document AM, is asserted to disclose a coin separating and sorting assembly and method comprising a toroidal separating member (7) including at least one coin receiving aperture (8); a housing (1) which

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includes a toroidal area for supporting said toroidally shaped separating member, said housing comprising a plurality of coin sorting apertures (23, 24, 25, 26, 27) which are sized to allow passage of a coin of a defined maximum diameter therethrough; a coin support surface (4) is assertedly provided on at least one of the separating member and the housing, wherein a coin is sorted between said coin support surface and an edge located on said coin support surface (see F, Figure 1); wherein said separating member is further said to comprise a surface with a set of gear teeth (13) adapted to contact a driving element to enable movement of said separating member (see F, page 1, lines 69-100) and a sorted coin container (40) positioned adjacent said housing, wherein said coin receiving aperture intermittently overlies a coin sorting aperture as a separating member moves (see F, Figure 1). The assembly is further asserted to comprise a coin hopper (28) positioned above said separating member, a coin slide structure positioned above said sorted coin container and below said housing (39) and the toroidally shaped separating members are said to be oriented at an angle to a horizontal plane when supported on said housing (see F, Figure 2).

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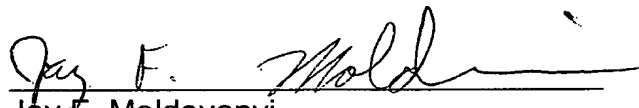
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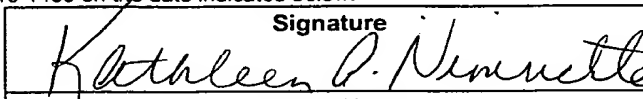
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